

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
RALEIGH, August 28th, 1861. }

To His Excellency, HENRY T. CLARK,

Gov. Ex. Off., &c.

SIR:—Under your orders I have visited Richmond and Yorktown—the former place, for the purpose of getting the Secretary of War of the Confederate States to commission, from the date of their appointment by this State, the Surgeons, first Assistant Surgeons and Chaplains of the Regiments of North-Carolina soldiers received into the service of the Confederate States; and the latter place, for the purpose of looking after the health of our troops in the Peninsula, and I beg leave to submit the following as my report in regard to each of these subjects.

The Secretary of War, Mr. Walker, promptly told me that he would willingly comply with your Excellency's wishes in regard to the commissions, excepting when the Colonels of Regiments, from a thorough knowledge of the qualification and fitness for office of the persons to be commissioned, advised differently. In all such cases the recommendations of the Colonels would be respected. He, therefore, requested me to furnish him with a list of these officers, their relative rank, date of commission from this State, and the Regiments they were attached to, which I did.

At Yorktown I found the health of our troops very bad in both regiments, the first and fifth, but particularly in the fifth, which, for sanitary purposes, had been posted across the river from Yorktown. In this regiment, the Surgeon and 1st Assistant Surgeon, being unfit for duty from sickness, were absent on sick leave, and Dr. Clifton, who had been appointed second Assistant by this State, but whose commission had been revoked after the 20th inst., was discharging the regular duties of surgeon. I directed him to continue such duties until otherwise instructed. There were but about two hun-